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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to invite you to serve as a member of the Campus Violence Prevention Committee (CVPC) for the 2016-2017 term. Lieutenant Todd Short, Division of Public Safety, has graciously agreed to continue as chair of this committee.

The Illinois Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008 (“the Act”, 110 ILCS 12/1, et seq.), effective January 1, 2009, was created to provide emergency response and campus violence planning guidance to institutions of higher education. Pursuant to the Act, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign should develop a Campus Violence Prevention Committee (CVPC) which will be tasked with implementing a Campus Violence Prevention Plan (CVPP). The CVPC will determine the committee structure and the individuals responsible for education and prevention of violence on campus.

The CVPC serves a number of important functions related to enhancing the safety of our campus. It will provide oversight to both Campus Threat Assessment Teams that serve our faculty, staff and students. Through your efforts, the Campus Threat Assessment Teams will continue to conduct threat assessments, address aberrant, dangerous or threatening behavior and provide guidance and best practices for preventing violence and providing support services.

The charge to the CVPC includes:

1. develop and implement the CVPP;
2. meet at least annually to conduct a review of the CVPP;
3. determine the committee structure and the individuals responsible for education and prevention of violence on campus; and
4. provide oversight to the existing components of our Campus Threat Assessment Teams.

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The Urbana campus intends to comply with the guidelines presented in the Act to increase overall safety and to support funding associated with the completion and implementation of the CVPP. The Division of Public Safety is pursuing grant opportunities from the State of Illinois which are specifically related to campus security enhancements. This funding will only be available if a CVPC is appointed and a CVPP is completed.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall presume that you are willing to accept this responsibility. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to this important committee assignment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Barbara J. Wilson
Interim Chancellor